MINUTES OF WATER USERS' MEETING

Lower San Pitch Distribution System

Wednesday, January 24, 1979 Sanpete County Courthouse, Manti, Utah

The Lower San Pitch River Meeting was held on January 24, 1979 in the Sanpete County Courthouse. Those in attendance were:

Arthur V. May Water Rights
Don Norseth Water Rights
Stan Adams Water Rights
Ben Kjar Manti

Donny Christensen Manti, Commissioner

Neil Nielson Centerfield, Gunnison Irrigation Company

James G. Olsen Ephraim
Ray P. Cox Manti
Vearl Christensen Mayfield

Leo A. Sorenson Gunnison Fayette Canal

Roger Johnson Ephraim

Chairman, Ben Kjar, opened the meeting and asked Don Norseth to read the minutes of the 1978 meeting. Motion was made by James G. Olsen and seconded by Ray Cox that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion carried.

Don Norseth introduced Art May as a new engineer who will be working with Don and the water users in the future.

Don Norseth read the financial statement for 1978. The receipts totaled \$4,887.55 and total expenditures were \$4,874.87 leaving the balance as of December 31, 1978 at \$705.66. A motion was made by Neil Nielson and seconded by Roger Johnson that the financial statement be accepted as read. The motion carried.

Ben Kjar commented that he felt Donny Christensen had done an excellent job as River Commissioner this year considering the fact that it was his first year on the job.

Donny Christensen read through the commissioner's report for 1978 and answered a few questions. It was agreed that the first page of the commissioner's report, the John K. Olson Diversion, be omitted from future reports because it does not exist. Also, the Pete Bishop Diversion Dam had been omitted from the report and should be included for the report next year. Donny Christensen stated that the Mayfield North Ditch weir was not measuring right and also the Indian Farm Ditch and Spaniard Ditch both needed some work done on them. A motion was made by James G. Olsen and seconded by Roger Johnson that the commissioner's report be accepted. The motion carried.

The Chairman then opened discussion for the budget for 1979. It was moved to set the 1979 budget at \$5,700.00 and the 1979 assessment at \$5,700.00. The motion was made by Neil Nielson and seconded by James G. Olsen to accept

the budget. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ray Cox and seconded by Roger Johnson to keep Donny Christensen as the Lower River Commissioner for the 1979 water year. The motion carried and Don Norseth said he would appoint Donny as Commissioner.

The rules were suspended and Neil Nielson moved and Roger Johnson seconded to keep the same chairman for next year on the water users committee. The following retained their membership on the committee:

Mr. Ben Kjar, Chairman

Mr. Ray Jensen, First Chairman

Mr. Ray Cox, Third Chairman

Mr. Dwight Malmgren, Fifth Chairman

Don Norseth then reviewed the bills before the Utah Legislature that would affect the water users of the state.

Water releases from the Upper San Pitch River System were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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